

# Ready to Read

## An Early Literacy Newsletter

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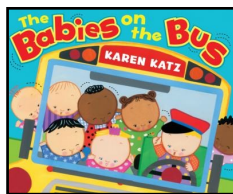
## Sharing Books with Babies and Toddlers

Fairfax County Public Library has a wonderful selection of books you can share with children ages birth-3. Find these and many other stories at your neighborhood library branch.

### Books for Babies (Birth-12 Months)

**The Babies on the Bus** by Karen Katz

This book presents lyrics to the song "Wheels on the Bus," interspersed with additional verses about babies.



**Baby Love** by Angela DiTerlizzi

Illustrations and rhyming text reveal the special love between a parent and baby.

**The Baby Parade** by Rebecca O'Connell

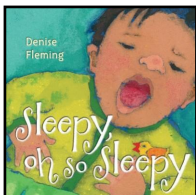
Illustrations and simple text follow babies as they walk, crawl, ride in strollers or are carried while enjoying a day with their families.

**I Kissed the Baby!** by Mary Murphy

Various animals tell how they saw, fed, sang to, tickled and kissed the new duckling.

**My Very First Mother Goose** by Iona Opie

This book features more than 60 nursery rhymes.



**Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy**

by Denise Fleming

This story shows a number of animal babies sleeping as a mother puts her baby to bed.

**Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes** by Mem Fox

Rhyming text compares babies born in different places and in different circumstances, but they all share the commonality of ten little fingers and toes.

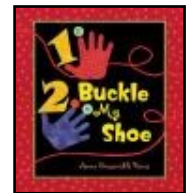
**When You Were Born** by Emma Dodd

Rhyming text tells a child the different things that happened the day when he or she was born.

### Books for Older Babies (12-24 Months)

**1, 2, Buckle My Shoe** illustrated by Anna Grossnickle Hines

A child learns to count with the help of a classic nursery rhyme.



**Dancing Feet!** by Lindsay Craig

Rhyming text depicts different animals dancing to a songsong beat.

**Freight Train** by Donald Crews

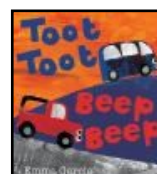
Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities and over trestles.

**My Mother Goose** by David McPhail

An illustrated collection of nursery rhymes and songs, interspersed with concept pages on such themes as "going places" and "colors and shapes."

**Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear** illustrated by Michael Hague

An illustrated version of the traditional rhyme which follows the activities of a teddy bear.



**Toot Toot Beep Beep** by Emma Garcia

Colorful cars beep-beep, toot-toot, vroom-vroom and whoosh around town.

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**Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star** by Jane Cabrera  
Baby animals are lulled to sleep by a version of the familiar lullaby tailored to their environment.

**Whose Baby Am I?** by John Butler  
In a guessing game format, this book shows baby animals with their parents.

### Books for Toddlers (2-3 years)



**Big Bug** by Henry Cole  
Beginning with a bug, various objects are revealed as being big and small in comparison with other objects on a farm.

**Clip-Clop!** by Nicola Smee  
When Mr. Horse gives a ride to his friends, Cat, Dog, Pig and Duck, they urge him to go faster and faster.

**Do Your Ears Hang Low?** by Caroline Jayne Church  
Two long-eared dogs celebrate their love to the words of a familiar children's song.

**The Farmer's Away! Baa! Neigh!** by Anne Kennedy  
A rhythmic story features a noisy menagerie of mischievous animals who go picnicking, jet skiing and ballroom dancing in the farmer's absence.

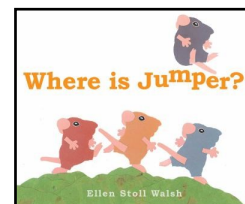
**Huff & Puff** by Claudia Rueda  
Loosely based on the folktale about the three little pigs, these three pigs have a different surprise for the wolf who is trying to blow their houses down.

**I Used to be Afraid** by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
This book shows how scary things can turn into something magical.

**Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose** by Leo Dillon  
This book presents an illustrated collection of 24 counting rhymes, from "Baa, Baa Black Sheep" to "Wash the Dishes, Wipe the Dishes."

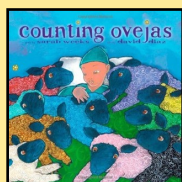
**What's the Matter, Bunny Blue?** by Nicola Smee  
Bunny Blue cannot find his grandmother, and friends help him find her.

**Where is Jumper?** by Ellen Stoll Walsh  
Jumper is missing, and his mouse friends look for him inside the cave and outside, up among the branches and down into mole's tunnel, but still they cannot find him.

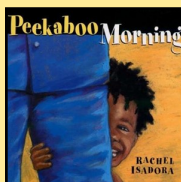


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## Diversity Books of the Month



**Counting Ovejas** by Sarah Weeks  
When increasing numbers of sheep in a rainbow of colors appear in a man's bedroom as he tries to fall asleep, he must resort to more and more elaborate means of removing them. This dual language book includes helpful phonetic spellings of the Spanish words for non-speakers. Reading this book exposes children to colors, numbers and common phrases in both English and Spanish. *Appropriate for ages 3-5*



**Peekaboo Morning** by Rachel Isadora  
A toddler plays a game of peekaboo, and you're invited to play, too. Isadora's brilliant, joyful pastel illustrations capture the familiar and cozy people, toys and animals that will delight babies. This book is a beautiful example of everyday diversity where there is no deep message; it simply shows an African American boy doing the kinds of things all toddlers do with their families and friends. *Appropriate for ages 2-5*

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